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NOTICE TO BOOKSELLERS.

We propose to publish, during the present year, a *complete list of all booksellers in the United States and Canada*, and for that purpose invite the assistance of publishers and booksellers wherever located. We shall take it as an especial favor if our subscribers will communicate the names of all booksellers doing business in their respective localities, and we shall be much obliged to any publishers, who, having new lists, will permit us to compare them with the names we already possess. The names when prepared will be printed in the AMERICAN PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR and furnished gratuitously to our subscribers. The want of an accurate list has long been a source of annoyance to publishers, and of inconvenience to many booksellers, to whom trade-lists and circulars would otherwise have been addressed; while the best that could be obtained have been the work of much labor and expense, and have been kept for the exclusive use of their owners. We propose undertaking the task for the benefit of our readers, who will thus be enabled to obtain a correct list of all booksellers in the United States and Canada without any cost whatever.

We beg to acknowledge our obligations to those correspondents who have kindly complied with our request and forwarded lists.

THE FUTURE BOOKSELLERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Why should not the "American Book Publishers' Association" accomplish a great work for posterity—for the future trade of our country? Its present operations are confined almost exclusively to the conduct and management of "Trade Sales," when by a simple organization, it seems to me, a vast amount of good to the trade might be accomplished. From observation I have arrived at the conclusion that there is a great want of knowledge of books among the trade. Few, very few, dealers in books in this country have any real knowledge of their profession; and indeed very few have ever had opportunities for thorough acquaintance with books. I presume that not one dealer in a hundred in this country can lay any claim whatever to that bibliographical knowledge which all in the trade should possess. The advice of the bookseller is constantly required by thousands seeking for information in the various departments of knowledge, hence the importance of proper instruction. This is an evil peculiar to our country, and arises from the rapid growth and expansion of the trade here: the field is so wide, that young men avail themselves of opportunities to go into trade long before they have acquired the knowledge requisite for a profitable and intelligent management of business. In European countries, where opportunities for going into business are rare, and where young men are required to serve as apprentices till they arrive at their majority, they have sufficient time, and they are obliged to obtain the necessary information to enable them to conduct business. With us, young men finish their education, go into trade, publish largely, fail, pay twenty-five cents on the dollar, and commence again in some distant city, all within the space of four or five years. There is probably no country in the world where books are sold so largely, in proportion to the number of inhabitants, as in this country. The rapid increase of population, the growth of new states, the ample provision made in nearly all the states in land grants and otherwise for educational purposes, our free-school systems, our largely endowed universities in most of the states—are turning out annually consumers of books by their thousands and tens of thousands; the rapid ratio of increase is almost incredible: each five years brings forward its thousands of new graduates from common schools and universities, all consumers of books to ten times the amount of their predecessors. Who can estimate the increase of trade in this country during the next quarter of a century? How is this vast amount of business to be conducted? Is it to be left to ignorant adventurers, to uneducated men, to novices, or can we now lay the foundation for a more thorough training up of young booksellers? Can we offer inducements for young men to make their profession a study—give them the proper keys for unlocking the storehouse of book knowledge, and offer suitable rewards for those who are willing to study and acquit themselves creditably in the trade and honorably for the profession? I think we ought: and I believe it is the province of the "American

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Publishers' Association" to accomplish this work. I will submit my plan for its accomplishment, and hope that some system may be adopted at once.

1st.—Let the American Publishers' Association so organize as to admit as members booksellers throughout the country, with an executive committee composed of twenty-five members from all parts of the country, a majority of whom shall reside in New York for the purpose of transacting business, and have an annual meeting during the Fall Trade Sale. Any bookseller may become a member by payment of $3 per annum, and shall be entitled to vote for officers and executive committee, to a copy of the PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR, and all other benefits of membership.

2d.—A system of rewards shall be offered to meritorious booksellers' clerks who shall have served at least seven years at the trade—five years in one house—and shall be able to pass an examination which shall embrace a knowledge of books, in all the various departments, based upon bibliographical works, such as "Trübner's Guide to American Literature," "Roorbach's Catalogue," and such European catalogues as may be deemed advisable.

3d.—Awards may be made, or diplomas given, to any or all booksellers who shall have acquired such a knowledge of books as shall entitle them to the same after examination by board of examiners, which may be appointed by the executive committee in any city, composed only of members of the association.

4th.—A fund accruing from annual memberships or life memberships, shall be created for the payment of necessary expenses. A diploma, engraved in superb manner, shall be awarded as the first prize to regular booksellers who shall apply for the same and pass the examination required. A diploma and gold medal to the highest standard of excellence, for young clerks. A diploma only, to second class of applicants—for special knowledge in particular departments. The committee may award superb editions of works in this department.

5th.—It shall be the duty of all members of the Association to urge upon their clerks the importance of endeavoring to obtain the diploma of the Association; and all members should offer to clerks having the certificate of character with the diploma, such extra salaries as shall render it really necessary for a book clerk in this country to have such diploma before he can obtain a respectable salary.

6th.—All persons receiving diplomas with the examining committees by whom awarded shall be announced in the AMERICAN PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR.

I would suggest to the American Publishers' Association the importance of adopting some plan similar to the one here suggested, believing that it will do much for the trade, in stimulating our young men to acquire bibliographical knowledge, and ultimately benefit all parties. A really intelligent bookseller can sell twice as many books anywhere as one who is ignorant, hence it is to our pecuniary interest; and the satisfaction to all in the trade, that will be derived from a hearty desire to elevate the character of the profession, it seems to me, will induce all to aid, in any way possible, to accomplish so desirable an object. D.

LIBRARIES.

From the Boston "Transcript."

It is readily admitted by all who have taken the pains to inquire, that in no country have libraries been formed so rapidly as in the United States, especially in New England. We have established a larger number since we came into existence as a nation, than any other people of ancient or modern times within an equal period. This is an agreeable evidence of the progress we have made in civilization; for the experience of the world shows that just in proportion as a people increase in intelligence will they increase their public collections of books, etc. When civilization pauses so will the libraries. In other words, when intellectual progress is interrupted, a corresponding interruption is soon apparent in the accumulation of books. This cannot be fully illustrated within the compass of a newspaper article. But those who examine the histories of the Egyptians, the Hindoos, the Phœnicians, the Greeks and the Romans, will easily see for themselves, that each added to their stock of intellectual treasures, for the public good, according as they advanced in civilization.

In modern Europe the same facts present themselves in more obvious forms. It matters not what country we turn to in the pursuit of our inquiry. For example, we perceive that no sooner did Spain begin to improve in intelligence on the accession of Ferdinand and Isabella, (not to go any farther back) than she began to found libraries and to enlarge those already established. This she continued to do until her civilization became stationary, or began to decline; so that the Spanish libraries were nearly as large and valuable in the time of Cervantes, Ercilla, De Vega and Quevedo, more than two centuries ago, as they are at the present day. And thus will they continue with little change, either until the nation begins to make new progress in civilization, or until some younger or more vigorous race—some modern Goths or Moors—step in and appropriate, carry away or destroy all. The same remarks but slightly modified, will apply to the libraries of Portugal, to whose treasures comparatively little have been added since the time of Camoens, Gil Vincente and De Barros.

If from the Tagus we turn to the Neva, we find that whenever a stride has been made in civilization in Russia, from the time of Peter the Great to the present, one of its most obvious results has been the founding or enlarging of libraries. No other nation, save our own, has increased in importance so rapidly within the last half century; and however strange it may appear, certain it is, that the imperial library at St. Petersburg has added to its treasures in a corresponding ratio; so that if the empire of the czars ranks among "the great powers" of the world, the library of the czars has attained a similar distinction among the great libraries.

The same inseparable connection between civilization and the accumulation of intellectual treasures is to be traced in each of the states of Italy. Where progress is at a stand still, as in Naples, the States of the Church, Florence and the Lombardo-Venetian Provinces, the libraries remain stationary; indeed, in some instances, their contents have been diminished by thousands of volumes; whereas, in Sardinia, where civilization continues to advance, not only are valuable additions made annually to the libraries, but there is scarcely a year but new ones are founded in different parts of the country. Thus while the contents of the libraries of Turin continue steadily to increase, Florence has a smaller aggregate of good books to-day than she had when her Dante, her Angelo, her Machiavel, and her Galileo, confirmed her just claim to the title of the Athens of the modern world.

If we cross the Alps and examine every State, from the Pyrenees to the mouth of the Niemen, and add Denmark and Sweden, we still find civilization and libraries going hand in hand, the latter indicating the activity or inactivity of the former, as faithfully as the mercury in the thermometer indicates the temperature of the atmosphere in which it is placed. Thus it is generally admitted that France stands at the head of modern European civilization. In this respect no other country of the old world, save England, can pretend to rival her; and the best English writers continue to recognize her superiority. But in the number, extent and value of her public libraries, no other country approaches her. The nine public libraries of Paris alone contain upwards of a million and a half of printed volumes; nearly as many as all those of Great Britain put together, and but little short of twice as many as those of the whole United States. Nor can it be said that the capital enjoys a monopoly in this respect, since of the libraries which contain 10,000 volumes and upwards, there are one hundred in the departments—382 in all, exclusive of those belonging to learned bodies. In 1853, the aggregate number of volumes in the 109 French public libraries, which include none containing less than 10,000, was 4,292,695; in the same year the aggregate of those of Great Britain, large and small, was 1,771,493; that of the whole United States being little, if any, more than 996,000 volumes.

All the other states of Europe have many or few, large or small libraries, according to the progress they have made in civilization. Thus, Prussia has 44 public libraries, containing an aggregate of about 2,480,000 volumes; Austria, 49, with an aggregate of nearly 3,000,000; Bavaria, 18, with an aggregate of 1,326,480; Russia, 12, with an aggregate of 1,236,480, etc. Those who have not travelled, but are wont to hear a good deal about the benighted condition of "despotisms," are apt to think that, if there are fine libraries in those countries, they are only for the benefit of the few. This, however, is a very great mistake. Not only are the principal libraries of France and Germany open to the public at large—to all who wish to avail themselves of the advantages which they offer—but, with few exceptions, the same may be said of those of Naples, Tuscany, Spain, Portugal and Russia. There is no person of a tolerably respectable appearance, let him come from where he will, who may not enter the best libraries of Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Madrid, Lisbon, Florence, and St. Petersburg; and if, in any instance, he is not treated as courteously as he would be in the Boston "Athenæum" or the New York Society Library, (whose librarians are famous for their politeness, especially to strangers,) it will be the exception, not the rule. By all means, then, let us congratulate ourselves on the progress we have made in establishing those great intellectual temples.

Literary Intelligence.

☞ The *Journal Général de la Librairie* states that M. Ed. Romberg, Director of Industrial Affairs to the Ministry of the Interior, has just been nominated to the direction of arts, letters, and sciences. "The honorable gentleman, late Secretary to the Brussels Congress, will find in the discharge of these high functions, an opportunity of rendering new service to the cause of literary and artistic property, of his sympathy with which he has already given so many proofs."

Book Trade Sales in Boston.—An informal meeting of the members of the Book Trade of Boston was held last week, to consider the matter of Book Trade Sales in this city as far as their interest was concerned. Every Boston publishing house was represented, and an interchange of opinion upon the subject took place. C. C. Little, Esq., of the publishing house of Little, Brown & Co., occupied the chair, and W. H. Dennet, Esq., of James Munroe & Co., was chosen Secretary.

There are now four annual Trade Sales, two of which are held in New York, and two in Philadelphia. It is proposed that but three be held in future, namely: one in New York, one in Boston, and one in Philadelphia.

A resolution was passed, to the effect that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of Trade Sales, their rules, terms of credit, when and where to be held, and that the committee confer with the Trade of Philadelphia and New York, and report the result to the chairman of this meeting in the month of May. Messrs. Ticknor, of Ticknor & Fields; Flagg, of Little, Brown & Co.; Perkins, of Phillips, Sampson & Co.; Swan, of Hickling, Swan & Brewer; and Bazin, of Bazin & Ellsworth, were appointed upon the committee.

The Trade Sales are now in progress at Philadelphia, and will commence in New York next Thursday. At their close the matter will be brought up by the Boston committee, which will probably meet one appointed for the purpose by the New York and Philadelphia Trade.

With the large amount of capital that is invested in this business in Boston, exceeded by no other city except New York, and the market for books in New England, it certainly seems as if sufficient inducements could be held out to our Southern and Western dealers to attend at least one such sale here a year. We are pleased to see that a movement has been made in this direction, and think that prompt and vigorous efforts upon the part of our booksellers to establish such sales will meet with success.—*Commercial Bulletin.*

From the London Publishers' Circular.

February, with its twenty-eight days, has produced nearly one hundred more new books and new editions than January with its thirty-one: so say our records of title-pages, and they must be correct, as the books themselves pass through our hands: this may be accounted for by the number of books that are published in the month of December, properly belonging to the new year. New editions, it will be seen, continue to predominate; our summary, however, presents a few new books worth noting.

In *Literature, Science, and Art*, we have Mr. Edwards's long-promised two volumes of Memoirs of Libraries, a work upon which the author has been engaged upwards of twelve years; the two first volumes of Sir William Hamilton's Works; Mr. Darling's valuable contribution to Bibliographical Works of Reference, a Cyclopædia of Works on the Holy Scriptures,—the work comprehends an ample Index to the texts and subjects of every work, from the earliest times, and in various languages; Paley's Moral Philosophy, edited by Dr. Whately, uniform with his edition of Bacon's Essays; the late Rev. Richard Jones's Literary Remains on Political Philosophy, edited by Dr. Whewell.

An eight guinea original work is a rare publication in these cheap times, but Messrs. Blackwood and Sons present us with one this week,—The Geology of Pennsylvania, a Government Survey, by Henry Darwin Rogers, State Geologist, and Professor of Natural History in the University of Glasgow, in 3 vols. royal 4to. with portfolio of maps, etc.

In *Politics*—Wraxall's Armies of the Great Powers; Mill's Thoughts on Parliamentary Reform; Austin's Plea for the Constitution; and Bright's Speeches at Birmingham.

In *Natural History*—M. Agassiz's Essay on Classification; Things Worth Knowing about Horses, by Hieover.

In *History and Biography*—A reprint of King Alfred's History of the world, by Bosworth; the First Volume of the Muniments of Guildhall, comprising the Liber Albus, edited by Riley, in 8vo.; a new History of the United States of America, by Mary Howitt, in 2 vols., with illustrations; Personal Memoirs of Charles II., in 2 vols.; the First Volume of Lord John Russell's Life and Times of Fox; and two volumes of Memoirs of the Court of George IV., by the Duke of Buckingham; and the Second Volume of Memoirs by M. Guizot.

In *Travels and Research*—Paul Kane's Wanderings of an Artist in North America, with highly colored illustrations, 8vo.; and Journal of the First French Embassy to China.

In *Divinity*, a class usually so prolific of new books, we note an unusual paucity: Plain Sermons by Mr. Cowan, delivered at Archbishop Tenison's chapel; Blomfield's 24 Sermons of Doctrine and Practice; the Liturgies of St. James, St. Mark, and St. Clement, etc., edited by Mr. Neale; Brank's Zion's King; Dr. Cumming's Lectures to Young Men; An Account of the Gospel in Burmah; Kaye's Historical Narrative of Christianity in India.

In *Medical Science*—Lyons' Handbook of Hospital Practice; F. J. Grant On the Irritable Bladder; The Causation and Prevention of Disease, by Parkins; General Debility and Defective Nutrition, by Smee.

In *Fiction*—Mrs. Gaskell's Round the Sofa, in 2 vols.; Creeds, by the Author of Mayfair, in 3 vols.; Master and Pupil, by Daniel, in 3 vols.; Poplar House Academy, by the Author of Mary Powell, in 2 vols.; Sir Gilbert, in 1 vol.; and The Bertrams, a new novel by Mrs. Trollope, is announced for early in the month.

The New Editions and Continuations include—Warburton's Crescent and the Cross, in Messrs. Hurst's new 5s. library; three new editions, or rather re-issues, of Boswell's Life of Johnson; the First Volume of a re-issue of the 8th edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica; Mr. Bohn publishes new volumes in five of his different serials; the Second Volume of Disraeli's Amenities of Literature; Scott's Abbot, in the Railway Edition; a Fourth Volume of Tales from Blackwood; and Fourth of The Parent's Cabinet of Amusement; the First of a re-issue of Mr. Prescott's Historical Works, in one shilling monthly parts, to extend to 22; *second editions* of Donaldson's Greek Grammar for Students, Ford's Archery, its Theory and Practice, of Mrs. Elliot's Diary during the French Revolution, of Polson's Law of Nations and Diplomacy, by Horne, of Trench On the Authorized Version of the New Testament, of Huc's Chinese Empire, of Napier's Art of Dyeing, of White's Eighteen Christian Centuries, and of Maclear's Christian Statesman and our Indian Empire; *third editions* of the Rev. Hugh Stowell's Model Man of Business, of Phillip's Metallurgy, and of Bakewell's Manual of Electricity; a *seventh edition* of Riddle's Navigation, in 2 vols.; *an eighth* of Rouse's Practical Man; and last, though certainly not least in public estimation, a *34th edition* of the Proverbial Philosophy of Mr. Tupper.

Amongst the works announced as ready for immediate publication are the following:—A translation of the French Memoirs of the Duchess of Orleans, by Mrs. Austin. The original work has been very successful in France; it is generally attributed to a daughter of the Count de Saint Hilaire; A Memoir of the late Patrick Fraser Tytler, Author of A History of Scotland, under the title of The Portrait of a Christian Gentleman; a volume of Sermons, by Dr. Stanley, on The Unity of Evangelical and Apostolical Teaching; A Biography of Tasso.

Rose-Colored Spectacles, by Mary and Elizabeth Kirby; Manners and Customs of the English, from the Earliest Period to the Present Time; Our Living Painters, their Lives and Works, a Series of nearly One Hundred Sketches; The New Apostles, being a Refutation of the Doctrines of the Irvingites; The Little Siver Barrel, and other Fairy Tales, are also amongst the announcements.

Messrs. Longman & Co. extend their list of works in the press by the following:—A Lady's Tour round Monte Rosa, with Visits to the Italian Valleys of Anzasca, Mastalone, Camasco, Sesia, Lys, Challant, Aosta, and Cogne, in a series of excursions in the years 1850, 1856, 1858; The Art of Dining, by L. F. Simpson, Esq., a translation of Brillat-Savarin's celebrated work, the Physiologie du Goût; a new volume of travels, entitled Pyrenees from West to East, by C. R. Weld, Esq., the Secretary of the Royal Society; a new work on popular astronomy, entitled Celestial Objects for Common Telescopes, by the Rev. T. W. Webb; the Third Volume of Captain Brialmont's Life of the Duke of Wellington; an English edition of Palleske's Life of Schiller, translated by Lady Wallace; a new work on the Dog, by Stonehenge, the *nom de plume* of J. H. Walsh, Esq., editor of the *Field;* a series of rudimentary and advanced books on the Indian Languages, edited by Professor Monier Williams; a volume of Letters, by the late Lieut.-Colonel Sir Augustus Simon Frazer, edited by Major-General Sabine; a new work on Horses, by Captain Vere de Hunt; two new works on Mineralogy and Geology, by Mr. H. W. Bristow, F.G.S.: and a volume entitled The Principles of Beauty, by the late Mary Anne Schimmel Penninck, the historian of Port Royal.

Messrs. Hurst and Blackett announce for publication a new work, entitled Six Years' Travels in Russia, by a Lady, in 2 vols. with illustrations; Every Day, a Novel, by Mrs. Foster Langton, in 3 vols.; and a new Novel, entitled Life's Foreshadowings, in 3 vols.

The proprietors of the Waverley Novels issue a prospectus and specimens of a forthcoming Illustrated Edition in 48 vols. 12mo. to be issued Monthly; but to persons desiring earlier completion the opportunity will be given to take up their sets in 18 months.

Messrs. Sotheby & Wilkinson have just completed their great sale of the Hertz Collection of Antiquities, Vases, Guns, Bronzes, etc. The sale extended sixteen days, and produced the sum of £10,011. 2s. 6d.

Those who take an interest in the poetical work of the great initiator of modern literature, Dante Alighieri—and they are numerous in Europe—will learn, no doubt, with pleasure, that there have just been published The Commentaries of Francesco Buti on the Divine Comedy. These are lectures which that illustrious savant delivered, at the close of the 14th Century, in the University of Pisa, on the immortal verses of the Florentine poet. They are printed from a very correct copy of the Ricciardino Manuscript—a copy which a well-known admirer of Dante and a distinguished bibliophile, Lord Vernon, kindly offered to the publishers for the publication in question.

Dr. Fischenbach, of Leipsic, Author of Travels in the East (1853), has recently returned from further researches, and it is said will shortly publish some highly interesting results; he brings home with him some important Greek MSS. illustrative of sacred history.

The *North China Herald* states that a newspaper published at Shanghai in Chinese by the missionaries has attained a circulation of 700. The people buy it week by week, paying cash, and each purchaser reads it aloud. The Chinese, it appears, are much interested in all local news, particularly police reports.

M. Lepsius, the new corresponding member of the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres, has just published at Leipzig, in a magnificent style, and at the high price of 15 thalers, his long expected work on the Chronology of the Egyptian Kings: this work, entitled The Book of Kings of the Ancient Egyptians includes synoptic tables of the history of the kings of Egypt anterior to the Greek series of names of all the kings and princes who figure in the hieroglyphic inscriptions.

The following figures represent as nearly as can be ascertained without personal verification, the proportionate magnitude of the ten libraries which at present make claim to the possession of more than 300,000 volumes of printed books:—The Bibliothèque Impériale at Paris, 800,000; British Museum, 560,000; Imperial Public Library of St. Petersburgh, 520,000; Royal Library at Berlin, 500,000; Royal Library at Munich, 480,000; Royal Library at Copenhagen, 410,000; Imperial Library at Vienna, 365,000; University Library at Göttingen, 360,000; Royal Library at Breslau, 350,000; Royal Public Library at Dresden, 305,000. Within twenty-three years the British Museum Library has made such strides as to have attained the second place instead of the seventh on this list.—*Edinburgh Review.*

The publication of the Second Volume of M. Guizot's Memoir—a Memoir of the late Duchess of Orleans—and the Fourth and last Volume of D'Haussonville's History of the Union of Lorraine to France, are advertised in Paris for the present week.

Letters from Riga to the Havas agency state that the library of that city possesses an interesting manuscript from the hand of Haydn, to wit, the complete score of an opera-comique in Italian, "L'Incontro improviso" (The unexpected meeting). This valuable manuscript was given to the library by Prince Esterhazy, when he visited it in 1856, at the Emperor's coronation. It is known that Haydn was for twenty five years chapel-master in the Esterhazy family, and that during this period he composed pieces which never were printed, and are still to be found in the Esterhazy archives. According to connoisseurs, the score now in possession of the Riga Library has considerable merit.

The first Almanac in England was printed, at Oxford in 1673: "There were," says Wood, "near 30,000 of them printed, besides a sheet Almanack for two-pence that was printed for that year; and because of the novelty of the said Almanac, and its title, they were all vended: its sale was so great that the Society of Booksellers in London bought off the copy for the future, in order to engross the profits in their own hands."

New Publications

Received at the Office of the AMERICAN PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR.

[In the following List will be found the names of such books only as have been sent to this Journal. The titles of all books as they are issued will be regularly inserted in the proper column.]

D. Appleton & Co. have got out vol. 5 of the "New American Cyclopædia." It includes the names from Chartreuse to Cougar. The List of Contributors appended to this volume amounts to nearly two hundred, embracing the most distinguished names in literature, science and art; also, "Sixty Years' Gleanings from Life's Harvest: a Genuine Autobiography," by John Brown, proprietor of the University Billiard Rooms, Cambridge; and "Home Memories; or, Echoes of a Mother's Voice," by Mrs. Carey Brock, author of "Children at Home," etc.

Robert Carter & Brothers publish "A Memoir of Captain W. T. Bate R. N.," by the Rev. John Baillie, author of the "Life of Adelaide L. Newton,' etc. "The object of this Memoir is to show, by a living example, how a man may combine first-rate attainments in his calling with the brightest graces of the Christian life. Hedley Vicars and Havelock were not less brave soldiers because they were not ashamed to confess Christ. And it will be seen in those pages how a sailor may unite to professional capacity and to personal valor, the meek and devoted service of a disciple of the Cross. To young men especially the book is commended, in the hope that it may stimulate some lagging steps and encourage some fainting hearts."

Rudd & Carleton issue a beautiful edition of Drake's renowned poem of "The Culprit Fay." Also "Two Ways to Wedlock: a Novelette," reprinted from the *Home Journal.*

Delisser & Procter publish "The Romance of the Ring, and other Poems," by James Nack. It contains a Memoir of the author by George P. Morris. They also publish another volume of their "Household Library." The subject is Christopher Columbus, by Lamartine, of whom a sketch, from the English Cyclopædia, is also given; and the "Secret History of the French Court under Richelieu and Mazarin; or, the Life and Times of Madame de Chevreuse," by Victor Cousin; translated by Mary L. Booth, who says: "In this charming biography, which certainly reads very much like a romance, the author claims the merit of a scrupulous and exact adherence to the truth of history."

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